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SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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Felony Sentencing Seminar and Webcast

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Hall of Justice Conference Center
Lansing, Michigan

INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Judicial Institute (MJI) is pleased to offer a special sentencing program as both a live seminar and a webcast for all judges assigned to conduct felony sentencing proceedings, as well as for representatives from the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) probation personnel, and representatives from the prosecution and defense bar.

This day-long seminar and webcast will provide sentencing judges, probation staff, prosecutors, and defense lawyers with access to reliable research data on effective sentencing practices to achieve sentencing objectives – recidivism reduction, rehabilitation, punishment, and offender restraint. The seminar will offer two presentations:

- One presentation will offer information on the MDOC's risk/needs assessment tool, "COMPAS," used by MDOC since 2008 to assess supervision levels of probationers. MDOC is also piloting COMPAS in select counties as a source of actuarial risk assessment information for presentence reports.
- A second presentation will review the research on evidence-based practices and its application to Michigan sentencing procedures to integrate services and sanctions and reduce offender recidivism in appropriate cases.

This seminar is supported in part by the Pew Center and the National Center for State Courts.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

The goal of every sentencing judge is to reduce the risk of the offender reoffending and further victimizing Michigan citizens, as well as to rehabilitate the offender. With the escalating cost of incarceration and the voluminous body of research showing that certain “evidence-based” sentencing and corrections practices work and that they can reduce crime rates as effectively as prison at a much lower cost, there is growing support to incorporate cost-effective evidence-based practices into Michigan sentencing procedures to effectively use limited services and sanction options and reduce offender recidivism.

SEMINAR FACULTY

Honorable Roger K. Warren, *Scholar in Residence for the California Judicial Council; President Emeritus, National Center for State Courts; and Sacramento Superior Court Judge (Retired)*, will review the research data on evidence-based practices and discuss how evidence-based practices can be incorporated into the sentencing process.

Senior scientist and author, Dr. Timothy Brennan, *Ph.D , and Vice President of Northpointe Institute for Public Management* (a research and consulting firm that produced COMPAS, and other decision-making tools for local, state, and federal criminal justice systems), will review the science supporting the evidence-based instrument and the mechanics of using the risk and needs assessment instrument for criminal justice practitioners who must make decisions regarding community placement, supervision, treatment, and case management.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	On-site Registration/Webcast* (Internet) Log-on
9:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Morning Program
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Group Luncheon
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Afternoon Program
4:30 p.m.	Seminar Adjourns

* The seminar will be offered on-site at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing and as a live webcast. An archived webcast will be available for viewing approximately two weeks following the live seminar/webcast. The archived webcast will be available on demand via the Supreme Court website: <http://courts.michigan.gov/mji>.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

This live seminar and webcast is designed for all judges assigned to conduct felony sentencing proceedings as well as probation personnel, and representatives from the prosecution and defense bar, who are regularly involved in those proceedings. On-site registration is limited to 100 participants and applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. A select number of seats will be available for participation by MDOC probation personnel and representatives of the prosecutor and defense bar. There is no limit for the number of webcast participants.

LODGING AND MEALS

Due to budget constraints, MJI will not provide lodging accommodations. On-site seminar participants will receive a complimentary group luncheon and refreshment breaks during the course of the seminar. All other incidental expenditures, including dinners, mileage, telephone calls, entertainment, etc., are the responsibility of each individual or his/her governmental unit.

Facility space constraints will not allow MJI to make any arrangements to accommodate spouses, family, or friends of the seminar participants for lodging, meals, or the seminar itself.

MJI programs are offered at facilities that accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations during the program, please indicate your specific needs when completing the online registration process.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Enrollment for the ON-SITE seminar is limited to 100 participants and is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in attending this seminar at the Hall of Justice, please complete the online registration at:

<http://www.courts.mi.gov/MJIOnline/>

Invitation Code: B5871C

The registration deadline is **Friday, March 19, 2010**.

Registration for LIVE Webcast: If you have received a copy of this announcement electronically, you may click the “E-Register for Webcast” link below to register online. If you received this announcement in hard copy, you may register electronically from our website at <http://courts.michigan.gov/mji/>, then click Seminars/Webcasts, and Webcast Registration.

Click on “**Felony Sentencing Seminar and Webcast**” and then click on the word “Register.” You will receive a session PIN number five days prior to the training.

[E-Register for Webcast](#)

NOTE: If multiple simultaneous viewings of the LIVE webcast from individual computers has a negative impact on your internet bandwidth, please contact your supervisor to arrange for a large group viewing.

Live or archived webcast trainings can only be viewed from a computer with a sound card. Please test the computer intended to be used during the webcast to ensure webcast compatibility. Use the “Test” option on the MJI web page OR view one of the archived MJI trainings. For technical difficulties, please call the You-niversity.com Help Desk at 1-877-867-7300.

Those viewing the archived webcast AFTER the seminar date (3/30/10) do NOT need to register. The archived webcast will be available on the MJI website approximately two weeks following the live seminar.

CONFIRMATION

On-site applicants will receive an electronic confirmation memo detailing specific conference center information. If you have not received confirmation by March 22, please contact MJI as indicated below.

Webcast applicants will be e-mailed a PIN number, as well as other log-on instructions, five days prior to the date of the seminar.

After reading this announcement, if you have any questions concerning the registration process, please call: Susan Artman, 517-373-7229. If you have questions concerning the content of the seminar, please call: Dawn McCarty, 517-373-7509.

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